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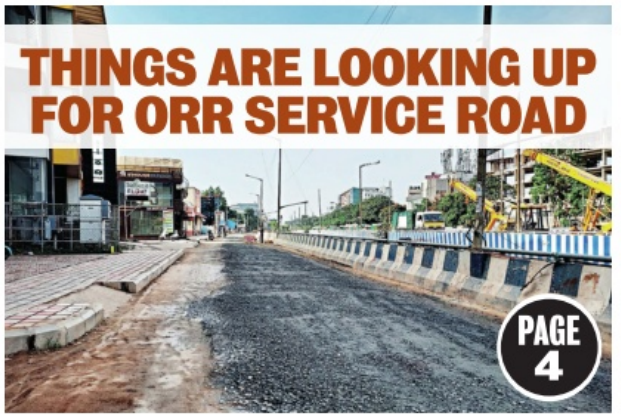

As BBMP reports 16 active covid clusters, highest number of cases in a cluster emerges in Dharwad with 312 positives

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38 active covid-19 clusters in state

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A BBMP marshal giving CAB instructions at KR Market

The highest number of clusters were reported in the state in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's ambit with 16 active clusters.

Karnataka has now 38 active covid-19 clusters.

As per the data from the health department from November 2 to December 4, there are 12 districts in the state with active covid-19 clusters.

In BBMP limits, at present, there are 16 active clusters, followed by Mysuru district with five. There are three clusters in Hassan and Tumakuru districts each. Two clusters each are reported in Bengaluru Urban, Udupi and Uttara Kannada districts whereas Chamarajanagar, Dharwad, Dakshina Kannada, Kodagu and Shivamogga districts have one cluster each.

The highest number of positive cases in a cluster is reported in Dharwad with 312 positive cases. Mysuru comes next with 116 positives, followed by the BBMP reporting 100 positive cases. Around 59 positives are reported in Bengaluru Urban and 42 from Shivamogga, while Hassan has 41 positive cases in a cluster. In Uttara Kannada, 34 positives are reported, followed by 31 cases in Tumakuru, and 14 positives each in Chamarajanagar and Dakshina Kannada. Kodagu in its only reported cluster has nine positives.

> **"We are seeing a few critical cases in elderly, some who have been fully vaccinated admitted in ICUs, which is a matter of concern.** — Dr Pradeep Rangappa, Manipal Hospital

Among the 12 districts with active clusters, the total number of samples tested so far is 20,497, and 784 returned positive for covid-19. From November 2 to December 4, the majority of the clusters in BBMP limits were reported from the Bommanahalli zone in apartment complexes, followed by South, East and West zones. However, the number of positive cases in each cluster detected during this period have not gone up more than 14. For instance, the highest is seen in Bommanahalli with 13 positives

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Vaxxing eloquent

Just 1.21% fully vaccinated landed in ICUs

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About 98.79 per cent of people who were fully vaccinated for covid-19 had only mild to moderate infection in the city. Only 1.21 per cent of the fully vaccinated landed in ICUs.

Doctors said taking vaccines would provide protection from the severity of the infection. However, one needs to strictly follow covid appropriate behaviour to avoid exposure to the rapidly mutating coronavirus.

According to the data shared by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, those who were fully and partially vaccinated required only Covid Care Centres (CCCs), general beds and home isolation. Of those who have been administered two doses of the vaccine, 98.79 per cent had mild to moderate infection, and with partial vaccination the figure stood at 98.03 per cent. Only about 1.21 per cent of people who were fully vaccinated landed in ICU/ICU-V/HDU with moderate to severe infections.

Of those who were not vaccinated, 5.21 per cent landed in HDU/ICU/ICU-V with the remaining 94.79 per cent in home isolation/CCCs/general beds.

According to the BBMP's chief health officer, the majority who were vaccinated were protected from the virus, however, not immune to the virus. "One must take precautionary measures and follow covid

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Celestial musings

Take yourself out on a date under the stars. Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium is hosting shows to teach you the most interesting facts about space and the many mysteries of the solar system.
Where: Until December 30
Cost: Rs 50 onwards
Register: bookmyshow.com

02 Book a coffee date

Does attending a book launch over coffee sound like an appealing mid-week break? Archana Shah, best known as the Founder of Bandhej – one of India's most loved textile brands – will be in conversation with Prasad Bidappa for the launch of her book – Crafting A Future, at a cafe in Indiranagar. The book describes incredibly sustainable practices through Shah's personal journey of exploring textiles. If you're a textile lover, this is a must-attend event for you.
Where: ARAKU Coffee
When: December 10, 5.30 to 6.30 pm
Cost: FREE
Register: 7993989888**Contact:** 9380420041

03 Say Salsa

You too can groove like Cuban Salsa stars. Begin your journey to become a pro at Salsa with the help of Minoti Ramachandra and Khushboo from the Motley Dance Company. Minoti is a Santo Rico certified Teacher and has been on several dance competitions on reality television shows. Khusboo too is a brilliant dancer, choreographer, and lovable instructor who has been dancing and teaching for the last few years and is still going strong.

Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: Sundays, 3 to 5 pm
Cost: Rs 800 per session
Register: bookmyshow.com

Kitchen horror: Can't veg out

Heavy rain, high fuel and gas prices cost homes, hotels to push vegetables off their menus

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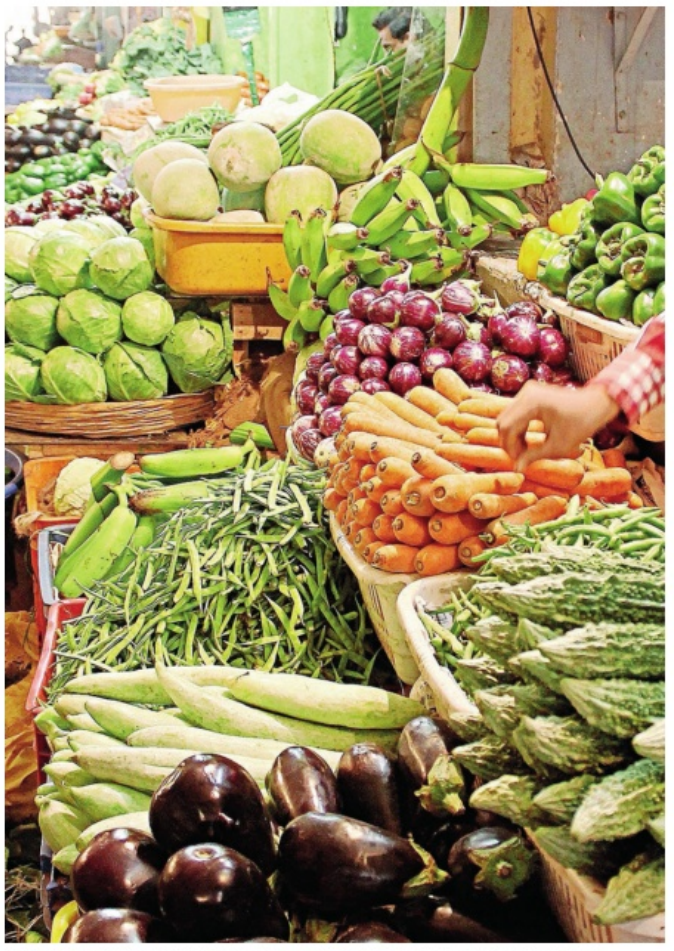
It is not just the petrol but many vegetables have now hit the century-mark with a hike in prices. According to HOPCOMS's price list on Monday haricot beans is sold at Rs 110 per kg, brinjal (white) at Rs 114 per kg, capsicum at Rs 120 per kg, drumstick at Rs 350 per kg, peas at Rs 220 per kg, scarlet gourd at Rs 170 per kg, garlic at Rs 126 per kg, tomato at Rs 120 per kg and ladies finger at Rs 96 per kg.

The rising prices are a shocker for consumers who were hoping for a reduction in prices with the decline of rainfall. "We used to cook sambar with lots of vegetables but now we are forced to prepare only rasam as vegetables have become expensive," said Anita R, a homemaker. However, traders said that the prices are likely to remain high for a few more days, perhaps even weeks.

"Many areas have received excess rainfall this time. Many crops grown in the fields were destroyed due to heavy rainfall. A series of cyclonic activities have affected the east coast too. Hence, the supply of vegetables suffered. Another factor is the transportation cost; the reduction in fuel prices is only marginal, therefore, transportation still remains expensive. All these factors have been contributing to a hike in prices," said Chandu Gowda, a vegetable trader.



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Tomatoes, which had earlier hit the century-mark, had seen a slight drop in price. However, in the last few days, the prices seem to have increased again. Tomato prices have been high since September-end in most retail markets of the country but a sharp rise has been noticed in the southern states off late due to continuous rain. The prices are highly volatile and any disruption in the supply chain or damage due to heavy rain results in a hike in prices.

It is not just homes but restaurants too are bearing the brunt of the rise in prices. The rising prices of beans and tomatoes have made hotel owners increase the prices of dishes or remove the tomato and bean-rich items from the menu. Many hotels are relying on cheaper vegetable options to keep rates under control and maintain minimum profitability. "The hotel industry is one of worst impacted industries due to pandemic-induced lockdowns. Our footfalls have still not been restored to pre-covid numbers. The increase in the prices of gas and vegetables are further affecting our revenue," said Palaksha Aradhya, a hotelier. Hotel owners want to adopt a wait-and-watch approach as far as rising food prices are concerned.

Mahadevapura zone pays most property tax

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Mahadevapura zone, which comprises the tech corridor, Whitefield, seems to be Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP's) 'cash cow' as the civic agency has collected the maximum property tax here. From all the eight zones, the civic agency has collected Rs 2,483.91 crore. According to the latest data, BBMP has collected Rs 470.01 crore from the east, Rs 378.17 crore from the south, Rs 254.6 crore from the west, Rs 242.09 crore from Bommanahalli, Rs 251.31 crore from Yelahanka and Rs 169.27 crore from RR Nagar. The lowest property tax was collected from the Dasarahalli zone, at Rs 68.19 crore. Despite the hefty tax collected, residents of Mahadevapura have been complaining of poor infrastructure.

"It is so sad that we pay the most tax to the civic agency but if you look at the infrastructure it is pathetic. The roads are spotted with craters," said Divya John, a techie from Whitefield.

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Meanwhile, BBMP is hoping to collect more from those who are yet to pay up. Gaurav Gupta, Chief Commissioner, BBMP, held a meeting with Special Commissioner (Revenue) Dr Deepak RL and all zonal joint commissioners, the revenue department's deputy commissioners and other revenue officers on Monday. During the meeting, Gupta said, "The taxpayers who have not paid their property tax must pay immediately. The officials must enforce strict collection of the taxes." Gupta said that the revenue officers and assistant revenue officers must channel their work mode for tax collection.

"Citizens who have not paid their property tax must be issued a notice and tax must be collected. Whichever lands/properties do not fall under the tax slab, must be included in the tax slab and brought to tax collection. It is also instructed to collect the remaining relaxation fee during the tax collection. If the property owners have not gone by the Self Assessment Scheme, revenue officers must visit the place and fix the property tax so that the tax can be collected at the earliest," Gupta added.

Within the Palike's limits, whoever falls into the top defaulters' list must be prepared as legal action will be taken. In the current year, a target of Rs 4,000 crore has been decided to be collected as property tax and until now only Rs 2,483.91 crore has been collected. Every tax collector must be given a target, he instructed.

Don't go easy on animal cruelty: Activists

Another dog run over by citizen; cops book car driver, tracing owner

With the rising number of animal cruelty cases, activists say if laws are not modified, this will become normal

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Close on the heels of a horrific incident where a puppy was "deliberately" run over by a man near Parappana Agrahara, another similar case has been reported from Thalaghattapura. According to an eye witness, a stray dog, hardly one year old, was resting on a roadside when a car ran over it and killed it on the spot. Now, animal activists are saying that the laws for animal cruelty cases need to be upgraded.

After the horrible incident took place at Raghuvanahalli near KSIT College in Thalaghattapura, the witness informed the animal welfare helpline number. However, he was unwilling to lodge a written complaint with the police.

Animal activists of the city have raised their voices against such incidents. Stringent punishment, such as high penalties and/or imprisonment, should be imposed on violators or else incidents of deliberate cruelty meted out to animals will only increase, and at a later point of time, that would be considered normal, they opine.

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No place for dogs, or dog-lovers?
Man runs over pup; senior citizen claims he is being harrassed at old age home for feeding strays
BM's report on Dec 4

Volunteers of SPCA along with a few animal activists approached the Thalaghattapura police to file a complaint in this connection. However, the cops told them that such hit-and-run cases come under the jurisdiction of the traffic police. "The traffic police would file a case of rash, reckless and negligent driving against the car driver and cannot impose any sections under IPC coming under the Animal Cruelty Act," KB Harish, animal activist, told Bangalore Mirror.

Stringent punishment such as high penalties and/or imprisonment, should be imposed on violators, animal activists say

Later, Harish approached the Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry Department, Umapathi who ordered the Thalaghattapura police to register an FIR and investigate into the incident. "Based on the posts, of the dog being run over by a car driver, that went viral on social media, the Thalaghattapura after a week's long time, registered an FIR against the unidentified driver of the car registered in Tamil Nadu. The car owner is being traced," Umapathi told Bangalore Mirror.

Based on the inquiries made with the witness, it was evident that it was a clear case of animal cruelty, in which the dog was killed instantly, and the cops have to book the car driver for the offence, Umapathi added.

Was sent to Tihar jail for not joining BJP: Shivakumar

Karnataka Congress President DK Shivakumar said on Monday that he was sent to Tihar jail for not joining the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Reacting to BJP minister KS Eshwarappa's statement as to why he went to Tihar jail, Shivakumar said, "I was lodged in prison for not supporting you (BJP). I was jailed because people were upset that I didn't join the BJP."

The Congress leader further said that there are records of what he is saying.

Shivakumar was arrested on charges of money laundering by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and was lodged in Tihar jail for 50 days in 2019.

Shivakumar questioned the ruling BJP as to why it is hesitant on implementing the Mahadayi project.

"The BJP is in power in the state as well as at the Centre, then why is the delay," he asked.

"Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai knows everything. He has handled the water resources portfolio. But his Cabinet minister Eshawarappa is talking about change of Chief Minister in the state. He also said that Karnataka is on top of the list in terms of corruption," Shivakumar said.

He also ridiculed former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa for stating that he would finish the Congress in the state.

"Yediyurappa's close aides have been raided, and he is tortured in the party everyday. That is why he is venting all his frustration on the Congress. He can't do that against anyone in the BJP," Shivakumar said. —IANS

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Things are looking up for ORR service road

After six months of neglect, road may get asphalted now, thanks to govt agencies working together

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The current state of the overlooked stretch at Kadubeesanahalli

The service road on Outer Ring Road (ORR) in Kadubeesanahalli, which was dug up and left unrestored for over six months, might finally get asphalted, as multiple agencies are almost done with their projects on the roads and are working in coordination.

Of the works on the road, Gas Authority of India Limited's (GAIL's) 790-metre-long gas trunkline had to be moved due to the construction work related to the Metro's works at ORR. It had to be moved from the middle lane of the underpass to the service road so that the Metro could proceed with building the Metro pillars at ORR. However, the entire process was delayed. However, with all the departments working together, which is rare in Bengaluru, things are looking up for ORR.

Mahadevapura Task Force, which brings all stakeholders, including residents' welfare associations, on one platform to address the constituency's developmental issues, under MLA Arvind Limbavali, disclosed various problems delays in works.

Initially, the Metro engaged with GAIL to move the main trunk line. Once that was done it took the onus to restore and asphalt the road. After due approvals, GAIL commenced the work at the site and laid the pipe for 600 metres. Meanwhile, GAIL wanted to lay an alternate pipeline, so that over 50,000 customers would not have an outage for 7 to 10 days but BBMP did not approve the road digging for GAIL as the route mostly included newly laid roads.

> **"The long wait will be over now as the road will be asphalted in 2-3 days depending on rain**
> –A member of Mahadevapura Task Force

Due to multiple complaints from commuters and residents, about the road not being restored, Limbavali visited the road recently. He asked the Metro to restore the road for 600 metres.

However, another hiccup, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) Project team for 110 villages highlighted was that they had to lay a Cauvery water pipeline in that stretch and GAIL was not giving them the permission to go ahead. A solution was prepared by talking to all the departments where it was decided that BWSSB would finish the work in 10 days and then the Metro can take up road restoration works.

Meanwhile, GAIL was instructed to drop the alternative line option and announce the outage to their customers and take up the activation work in November. While the citizens waited for BWSSB to lay pipelines so that the work is completed, BWSSB did not start the work as the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) had fined them a penalty at Rs 1.37 crores for cable damage which they hadn't paid. After a round of meetings, BWSSB was given a heads up to start work and complete it in 30 days.

Further, GAIL must take up the termination of the connections at the ends and activate the trunk line. Post these works, the Metro must restore the road at the two ends and across the main carriageway at ORR.

"The long wait will be over now and the service road will be asphalted in 2-3 days depending on rain. Residents will not have to worry and may enjoy a hassle-free commute," said a member of the task force.

Now, this is just the silt motorists need

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Ejipura Main Road connecting Viveka Nagar to Immediate Ring Road, partially blocked due to works

The sewage drains in the city are desilted during the summer season each year to prevent blockage. Owing to the early arrival of the monsoon, the city is seeing the desilting exercise being conducted now, during the winter season. For commuters in various parts of the city, the untimely desilting is only adding to their problems on the road.

In various parts of the city the roads have become inaccessible with huge mounds of silt deposited on the roads preventing passage of motor vehicles. Until the work is completed, the sewage-mixed silt will remain on the asphalted roads, turning them into stinking menaces.

The Ejipura Main Road connecting Viveka Nagar to Immediate Ring Road has been partially blocked, preventing the passage of vehicles. The work to replace the sewage drain with a bigger pipeline has been going on on the road for the past week. Sources say that the work is expected to continue for another week.

But in the process, the huge mound of stinking silt that has been dumped on the road has become an eye-sore for those passing by. It has been lying there for the past one week raising several health concerns. In the area adjacent to the drain repair, a small makeshift path has been cut out for pedestrians. Pedestrians are left with no choice but to go through the make-shift passage that was previously a black spot and risk encountering rats.

Motorists are forced to go through narrow-inner roads and have to go around the area to reach the other side of the road. Traffic is being diverted to the inner roads too. The process is also leading to traffic jams with a sudden inflow of traffic into the inner streets.

Due to lack of mobility, shopkeepers near the area complain of a fall in customers. They say that the businesses have been badly hit since the work began.

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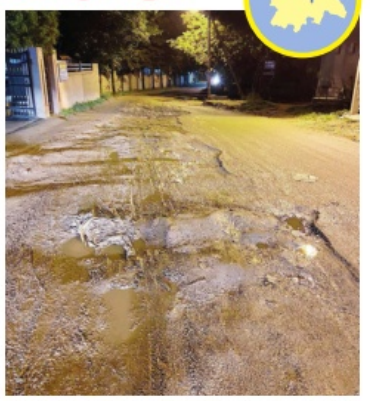

Yelenahalli Main Road has been in a bad shape for a very long time and is creating problems for many motorists. Many two-wheeler accidents have occurred here. Will BBMP fix it?

So sweep
Shivaji Nagar

The footpath on Jeweller's Street is covered with debris from repair works.

Traffic trouble
Jogupalya

Main Channel Road has turned into the office-going crowd's nightmare; both sides of it are hogged by fleets of parked vehicles, which leaves little space for commuters to travel via this road.

Thieves take stairs, help themselves to shoes on each floor

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Residents of the Karnataka Housing Board Diamond apartment in Kengeri, west Bengaluru are an anxious lot as branded shoes and footwear worth over Rs 20,000 got stolen from on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday recently.

The incident happened around 2 am, according to the CCTV footage, when four masked men, carrying a bag were seen going up one floor after the other taking the stairs and flicking footwear kept in front of the flats. "The thieves struck at 15 to 20 flats and left with shoes and footwear worth over Rs 20,000," said a resident.

The apartment complex that has around 350 flats which is ground floor plus seven floors, is maintained by an association that had recently engaged a new security agency a couple of days ago.

An allegation

A few residents alleged that the beneficiary who is a resident of the apartment and who used to get commission from the previous security agency is upset over the new agency taking over and is trying to engage shoe thieves to put the new agency in poor light.

The residents saw onCCTV that at least four masked men had sneaked inside the premises during the wee hours of Sunday and had gone to almost all the floors of all blocks and stolen shoes and other expensive footwear from the shoe racks. They left some houses that had CCTV cameras. "They had gone floor by floor until the top floor. We had to take a list of stolen shoes from residents and requested them to give an estimate to come to the total estimate," said Sudha, a resident. More than the footwear, residents say this raises questions on the security lapses at the building.

The resident welfare association members approached the Kengeri police and registered a complaint. Two constables visited the apartment on Monday and went through the CCTV footage.

HISTORY'S CODEBREAKERS

Group of techies along with The Mythic Society are creating 3D digital copies of inscriptions in the city to preserve them for eternity

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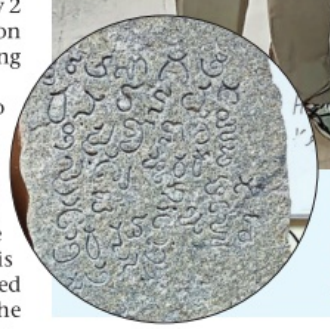

PL Udaya Kumar and his team use a hand-held scanner with five cameras capable of creating 3D models of inscriptions that are often serendipitously found in many parts of the city

With each undiscovered or permanently lost inscription in parts of the city, a bit of its glorious history fades away. But in the tech city, such a scenario cannot be envisaged. So historians have now joined hands with tech specialists to create digital copies of inscriptions for the first time in the world.

According to the Mythic Society, there are 1,500 such inscriptions in the city. Of these, 40 per cent have been destroyed forever in Bengaluru Urban and 30 per cent in Bengaluru Rural. They are found dumped in sewer lines, piled with garbage, or simply broken to be used as construction material.

The Mythic Society is home to a replica of the first written record of Bengaluru city in the olden Kannada script on an 1,100-year-old inscription. The original inscription was found in a temple in Begur, roughly 2 km from Silk Board. The inscription remains an undying proof of the long history of the city.

"The most traditional method to create a replica of a copy is to perform an Estampage. First, you take to wet a paper and press it onto the inscription. A brush is used to press the paper into the markings of the inscription. Further, a dabber is smeared with ink and lightly dabbed to reveal the inscription onto the paper," said Mythic Society's honorary project director PL Udaya Kumar.

These copies are used as a record by historians to study the inscriptions. This record sees wear and tear over time. Once this copy is permanently destroyed, you have to repeat the process all over again, provided that the inscription is in good shape.

Three years ago, a group of techie friends along with Udaya decided to create more awareness and protect the inscriptions in Bengaluru. Being tech-oriented, they realised that physical preservation alone was not a solution in the long run. They came across a hand-held scanner containing five cameras capable of creating 3D models for inscriptions. Hearing about their efforts, Mythic Society invited the group to start a office and promised to fund it. Udaya and his friends quit their job to pursue their passion on a full-time basis.

With the scanner, the team could now scan the inscription, create a digital 3D model of it and preserve it for eternity. The 3D model can be used to study the inscription by digitally enhancing the worn-out bits.

But, there are some things that tech can't fix yet. One of them is the ability to read languages. Most of the inscriptions contain languages that can only be read by a few and the numbers are dwindling. Udaya says there are only 10 people in the city who can read this language.

The team also uses an app to document the discovery of a new inscription with GPS-based location and other details. The details are then projected onto a public map that showcases the total number of inscriptions, how many are destroyed and how many are yet to be discovered. "We feel this exercise should not be limited to Bengaluru alone and should be done on a national level, which has close to 2 lakh inscriptions," added Udaya.

Neighbours rescue 2 kids stuck in house on fire

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Swift action by the public helped rescue two children who were stuck inside the room of a house that had caught fire on Sunday evening in T. Dasarahalli in Peenya.

The fire broke out in the house on the first floor of a building where a couple were cooking at the entrance of the house using a stove. When the fire broke out, the couple ran out, while the two children aged five and seven were stuck inside. The neighbours rushed to the first floor and poured water and used clothes to control the fire. Some of them managed to enter the house and rescue the children before the fire and emergency personnel could arrive.

> **"As we reached the spot, the public had rescued the kids. We doused the fire completely and stopped the gas leakage**

"We were conducting a Kannada Rajyotsava programme on Sunday evening when we spotted the fire from a nearby building. This created panic. We briefly halted the programme and immediately called up the fire and police department so that we could rescue those trapped in the fire incident," said Harshita S, a college student.

An official from the fire and emergency department said that they reached the place in seven minutes of receiving the alert call and doused the fire. "The couple were using an external stove with a poor quality regulator. There was a gas leak through the regulator which caused the fire and the only entry and exit to the house was blocked and the children were stuck inside the room. As we reached the spot, the public who had rescued the children had brought them down. We doused the fire completely and stopped the leakage," he said.

10% of B'luru yet to take first dose

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appropriate behaviour. The data clearly shows how effective the vaccination is and with an increase in vaccination, severity of cases have come down drastically. We have been conducting several vaccination camps in every BBMP ward requesting people to come forward and take the jabs to keep themselves safe," the corporation's chief health officer Dr Balasundar AS told Bangalore Mirror.

About 10% of the population in the city are yet to take the first dose of the vaccine while only 66% have received the second jab. Over 12 lakh people in the city have crossed over 100 days of the first dose but have not come forward for the second dose despite the BBMP alerting them through messages and calls, reminding them to take the critical second jab.

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Meanwhile, a latest study by Jeevan Raksha said Karnataka, with the average daily caseload below 300 and daily mortality in single digits, for many weeks past, seems to be relatively well in control of the covid situation.

"Bengaluru Urban and BBMP limits, with a high percentage of cosmopolitan as well as educated population, are struggling to vaccinate more people. The daily vaccination in BBMP's ambit halved in November when compared to October. Similarly, in Bengaluru Urban the daily vaccination of the first dose decreased by one third in November as compared to October, " said Sanjeev Mysore, convenor of Jeevan Raksha.

State in safe zone

The Jeevan Raksha report, meanwhile, said Karnataka has fully vaccinated more than 50% of its population. Furthermore, it said, the administration has learnt from the first and second waves of pandemic and has maintained daily 100K tests, of which more than 85% are RT PCR tests, which is the gold standard. Karnataka administration and the people of the state have developed the skill of cohabiting with the virus, the report went on to say.

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Covid casts shadow over offline classes, once again

Edu dept may have a rethink on offline classes if there is a surge in covid cases; schools oppose the move

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With the covid-19 vaccine coverage rate going up amid Omicron fear, CAB goes for a toss outside Dasappa Hospital in Bengaluru. Many wait outside the gate without following social distancing norms

Primary and Secondary Education Minister B C Nagesh hinted at the closure of schools in the state if needed in view of the increase in covid cases being reported among school, college and a nursing school students. The fear of the new variant Omicron has also concerned the authorities.

He told reporters on Monday, "The education department is monitoring the situation on an hourly basis and won't hesitate to initiate action." If infection rate increases, stern actions would be initiated.

"If needed, appropriate decisions would be made on conducting examinations also. In exam halls, social distancing is ensured. We are keeping the option of closure of schools or cancelling examinations in case there is a severe spike in covid cases," he reiterated.

Right now, the focus has been on the residential schools where more covid cases were reported. The district commissioners have been directed to monitor the situation and to ensure proper following of standard operating procedures, he said.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai also commented on the rising covid cases in schools and hostels. He said that to tackle the rising covid-19 situation in schools and hostels, cluster management guidelines will be released. "All the guidelines given by the covid experts would be implemented in the state. Cluster cases are being reported among schoolchildren. In Chikkamagaluru district, spate of cases are being reported. All students' contacts have been traced, tested and schools are sealed down," he said. Spate of covid cases are being reported in Dharwad SDM Medical college, nursing colleges in Tumakuru and Mysuru and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya residential school in Chikkamagaluru.

Reacting to this, Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka general secretary D Shashi Kumar said, "Though there is fear, we should understand that the students who have been infected are asymptomatic. Even during the peak of the second wave, more than two lakh kids were infected. Today, lakhs of students are going to educational institutions and only 200 to 300 are getting infected. Our concern is that covid-appropriate behaviour is not followed outside schools. Hence, I request the government to strictly come up with a SoP and execute it."

(With inputs from agencies)

> **If needed, decisions would be made around examinations. In exam halls, social distancing is ensured**
> – BC Nagesh, minister

Mt Carmel exams next year

Protests staged by Mount Carmel College undergraduate and postgraduate students, after the college management decided to postpone the offline exams slated from December 6, still continues. The management released a notice stating, "Due to unavoidable circumstances and deliberations with authorities, the end semester examinations will be rescheduled in January/February 2022. The new schedule will be notified shortly." – BMB

Peenya Industrial Area protected

Expert says Omicron scare has made the covid-19 vaccinations hit a new high

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Over 85 per cent of the employees working in Peenya Industrial area have been shielded with both the doses of covid vaccine. It was a challenging task to vaccinate the employees due to the large size of the industrial area. Peenya Industrial area is one of the oldest and largest industrial areas in south east Asia which houses 20,000 plus industries spread across 40 sqkm and providing employment to a million people. As these employees need to work on a daily basis, vaccination was key to continue regular work.

Dr Suresh Rudrappa (Medical officer of health, Dasarahalli zone) told Mirror that the industries were spread across four wards 39, 41, 70 and 71. "Overall, we had to adopt a multi-pronged strategy. The first one was to conduct vaccination at block and lane levels. Almost all the employees of the Peenya industries are covered with the first dose and the majority have received the second dose. We have been pushing the ones due for the second dose, and this also helped us in inoculation." He said the Omicron scare has also increased the vaccination rate. "For the past one week, vaccination has picked up like anything. Now, many who had earlier missed their vaccine want to take the shot. How much ever we motivate, the success rate was limited but the Omicron scare has really made the vaccine hit a new high."

Meanwhile, Dr Rudrappa said that Dasarahalli is now not lagging behind in the vaccination numbers across zones as previously unaccounted vaccine doses in some areas have now been added. The zone is now one of the top zones in BBMP areas with high vaccine coverage. This was quite evident as per the statistics. For example, on Saturday, the vaccination target for BBMP zone was one lakh doses and the achievement was 90 per cent. In Dasarahalli zone, where the vaccine target was 6,000, 8,442 doses were given. This made a 141 per cent achievement. In Yelahanka, the target was 5,000 doses and 6,695 doses were given with 134 per cent of target achieved (Bommanahall had achieved 106 per cent of target and RR Nagar 106 per cent).

> **Dasarahalli is now one of the top zones in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike limits with high vaccine coverage**

Why B'luru must rein in covid clusters

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and 10 in Koramangala 3rd block where there have been 10 cases in an apartment block. Similarly, clusters of five or six cases were reported in other zones.

Experts are of the view that it is important to limit the number of clusters so that no outbreak is seen which leads to a spread of infection wherein most cases would be detected.

"We need to ensure effective containment measures are carried out. Testing of the contacts of cluster cases should be done on time and until the results are out, the citizens concerned should stay isolated. Most of the cases are from schools and colleges — the management should ensure students are screened everyday and even in apartment complexes, the residents and visitors should be screened thoroughly. Where the outsiders are coming from needs to be noted. If we allow one huge cluster outbreak, then more numbers will be detected. Right now, we need to mask up, screen and carry out thorough testing," said a public health expert.

BBMP health commissioner Randeep D stated the department is ensuring that covid-19 clusters are well within control: "Once three cases are detected, the area in question is made a containment zone. The healthcare workers keep a continuous check on the positive cases, and those who are receiving treatment at home. Carrying out a higher number of tests and tracking the cases early is what we are looking at."

Meanwhile, Dr Pradeep Rangappa, consultant, internal medicine, intensive care unit,

Manipal Hospital pointed out that there has been a slight increase in the number of cases amongst healthcare workers: "Ten doctors in Chamarajanagar district tested positive (in tele-rounds). The paediatric department is closed in one of the medical colleges in Bengaluru. We've heard of the cluster at SDM, Dharwad and Nursing College in Mysuru. In lieu of the above clusters of healthcare workers (HCW), there's an urgent need to deliberate on a booster dose for HCWs as we are nearing a year since the first dose of vaccination. The Centre has to come up with a guideline for a booster dose. Many countries have started booster dose administration with Israel at the forefront, having administered booster doses to a significant population already. We are seeing a few critical cases in the elderly population, some admitted in ICUs who have been fully vaccinated, which is a matter of concern. In light of above clusters, a check has to be imposed on mass gatherings, public/political rallies, religious congregations and strict adherence to CAB (covid appropriate behaviour) has to be followed."

2 new Omicron variant cases in Maharashtra
— For the third consecutive day, Maharashtra reported cases of Covid-19 variant Omicron, with two more in Mumbai taking the state's tally to 10, health officials said on Monday.

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Nagaland ambush: What Home Minister said

SIT asked to give report in 1 month

Shah says in Rajya Sabha vehicle was signalled to stop, but it tried to flee

#NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday termed the civilian killing by security forces in Nagaland a "case of mistaken identity" and informed that a special investigation team (SIT) has been formed with direction to submit its report on the unfortunate incident within one month.

The Home Minister's statement came in Rajya Sabha amid ruckus created by the Opposition party leaders on the issue of revocation of suspension of 12 MPs.

"Based on inputs received by the Indian Army about the movement of the insurgents near Tiru village in Tizit area of Mon district, a team of 21 para-commandos of Indian Army laid an ambush in the evening of December 4," said Shah.

During the ambush, the Minister said "a vehicle approached the location and it was signalled to stop".

However, "the vehicle tried to flee, following which vehicle suspected of carrying insurgents, was fired upon resulting in the killing of six out of eight persons travelling in the vehicle".

"However, it turned out to be a case of mistaken identity. The two persons who sustained injuries were evacuated to the medical facilities by the Army personnel," said the Union Home Minister. Upon receiving the news, Shah said, "local villagers surrounded the Army team, burnt two vehicles and assaulted them resulting in the death of one Security Force personnel and injuries to several others".

To disperse the crowd, Shah said "security forces opened fire which resulted in the killing of seven more civilians and injuring some others".

"The local administration and Police have tried to diffuse the situation, which remains tense but under control." Nagaland Director General of Police and, Commissioner visited the spot on Sunday and an FIR was registered regarding the incident in Tizit Police Station, said the Union Minister.

Considering the complexity of the case, Shah said, "it has been transferred to the State Crime Police Station (SCPS) and a Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been constituted and directed to complete the investigation within one month".

Subsequently, on the evening of December 5, "a mob of approximately 250 tried to ransack the Company Operating Base (CoB) of Assam Rifles at Mon town," Shah said. "The mob burnt buildings of the company operating base following which troops had to open fire to disperse the mob. Resultantly, one civilian was killed while another was injured. More forces have been deployed in the area to prevent any further untoward incident," said the Minister.

"The HQ 3 Corps, Army has released a press statement wherein they have deeply regretted the incident and its aftermath which resulted in the unfortunate killing of innocent civilians and it further mentioned that the cause of the unfortunate loss of lives is being investigated at the highest level and appropriate action will be taken as per law," added Shah.

On receiving news of the incident, the Home Minister said, "I immediately got in touch with the Governor and the Chief Minister." **-ANI**

People attend a mass funeral of civilians gunned down in Mon district

CM demands repeal of AFSPA

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio on Monday demanded the repeal of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 from the state, where 14 civilians were killed by security forces in Mon district in an anti-insurgency operation fiasco and said the state too has special powers.
Discussions and deliberations need to be held on the purpose of imposing AFSPA and how to revoke it, Rio said during the public funeral of the 14 daily wage earners of a coal mine, who were shot dead by security forces on Saturday at Oting village on their way home from work.
Article 371(A) of the Constitution grants special provisions to Nagaland.
It states that no Act of Parliament shall apply to Nagaland unless its legislative assembly decides so by a resolution.
After the funeral, the chief minister tweeted "Nagaland and the Naga people have always opposed #AFSPA. It should be repealed."

Delhi airport crowd: Scindia steps in

#NEW DELHI

Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Monday directed Delhi airport operator DIAL to implement better crowd management strategies after passengers complained of chaos and crowding at its terminal following the implementation of new coronavirus-related travel guidelines, senior government officials said.

Amid concerns over the Omicron variant of coronavirus, the Centre had issued a revised guideline for international travellers which came into effect on December 1.

The minister called a meeting on Monday with officials of the Airports Authority of India, Bureau of Immigration and GMR group-led Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), they noted.

Officials of Genestrings Diagnostics, the sole laboratory that does RT-PCR testing at the Delhi airport, were also present at the meeting. At the meeting, the minister directed the DIAL to implement better crowd management strategies, officials noted.

Commenting on a tweet about the situation at the Delhi airport after the new travel rules kicked in, Congress MP Karti Chidambaram had said on Saturday: "As I feared and warned. Total confusion and crowding in airports." The DIAL had said on Saturday that 20 dedicated counters have been set up for the passengers arriving from "at-risk" countries and having pre-booked their mandatory covid test.

Things seemed to have calmed down at IGI on Monday

Show-cause notice to Etihad Airways

The New Delhi district authorities on Monday issued a show-cause notice to Etihad Airways for allegedly violating the Centre's guidelines for international passenger arrivals at the IGI airport here, amid concerns over the Omicron variant of coronavirus. A reply to the notice has been sought from the station manager of the airlines within 24 hours. **-PTI**

Armed Forces face a shortage of 9,362 officers

#NEW DELHI

The Central government on Monday said that the Armed Forces face a shortage of 9,362 officers and 1,13,193 personnel.

In the Army, 7,476 posts of officers and 97,177 posts of junior commissioned officers and other ranks are vacant. In the Indian Air Force, a total 621 officers and 4,850 junior commissioned officers and other ranks are vacant. In the Indian Navy, 1,265 officers and 11,166 junior commissioned officers and other ranks' posts are vacant. Minister of State (Defence) Ajay Bhatt in a written reply to BJP's Rakesh Sinha in Rajya Sabha said the government has taken measures to reduce the shortages.

These include sustained image projection, participation in career fairs and exhibitions and publicity campaigns to create awareness among the youth on the advantages of taking up a challenging and satisfying career in the Armed Forces. To encourage the youth to join the Armed Forces, motivational lectures are regularly organised in schools, colleges, other educational institutes and National Cadet Corps (NCC) camps. **-IANS**

In the Army, 7,476 posts of officers are vacant

Government to chalk out legal road map for WFH

#MUMBAI

India is eyeing a comprehensive framework for work from home that will define the liability of employers towards employees working from home.

The idea is to provide a legal framework for the new models of work that have emerged in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, such as work from home or hybrid working to protect employees from the highly infectious coronavirus, people familiar with the move said.

Some of the options being considered include fixing work hours for employees and payment of additional expenses incurred by them towards electricity and internet usage because of working from home.

A top government official told ET that discussions have started to ascertain ways in which India can regulate work from home, which is expected to become a norm going forward.

"A consultancy firm is being roped in to determine 'future of work' in the backdrop of the pandemic and the benefits it brings to stakeholders," the official said.

The government had in January this year formalised work from home for the services sector through a standing order, allowing employers and employees to mutually decide on the work hours and other service conditions. The move, however, was seen as a token exercise as the services sector, which largely comprises IT and ITeS, has already been following work from home to employees under special conditions.

The government now wants to bring a comprehensive formal structure for all sectors, the official said. The latest move comes close on the heels of other countries putting in place such frameworks. A recent law passed in Portugal outlines labour rules for greater protection of employees working away from the company premises. There is consensus within the government to bring legislation to give legal backing to work from home.

-By Yogima Seth Sharma, ET

Regulation of WFH on the cards

HEALTH TIP: A study by Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) finds that women living near green spaces are less likely to experience the symptoms of premenstrual syndrome (PMS)

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BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

1 I am a 36-year-old married man. Whenever I engage in sexual activity or if I experience nightfall, I experience pain in my knees, legs and waist. I had an L5 sacralisation problem five years ago, and it makes sex very difficult. What can I do to get relief?
The best thing to do is to visit your family doctor who has knowledge of your problem. He will refer you to a surgeon who specialises in skin grafting or other procedures. Regarding the sexual problem you are experiencing, it will subsequently be resolved.

2 I'm 18 years old and my girlfriend is younger than me. The last time we were intimate, we both had our pants off and I was rubbing my penis over her vagina. At some point, some liquid substance oozed out of my penis but I'm sure that it wasn't sperm. We didn't indulge in sex following the act. But my girlfriend hasn't got her period as yet – she's due on the 13th of every month. Could she be pregnant? We are both very worried.
You have taken a risk. However, what you have seen is lubricating fluid which normally occurs with sexual excitement. At times, the excitement results in delayed period. She can test for pregnancy with a home kit available at chemists.

3 I am a 22-year-old virgin and work out daily for an hour-and-a-half. Recently, I've been experiencing a vibrating sensation in my right testicle. This lasts for five seconds only. How do I cure it?
I have no idea why your testicle should vibrate. Is it occurring after you remove your tight underwear worn during the workout? If it continues, visit your family doctor.

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Out of the criminal web

Tips on how to stay away from threats and be secure in volatile world of the internet

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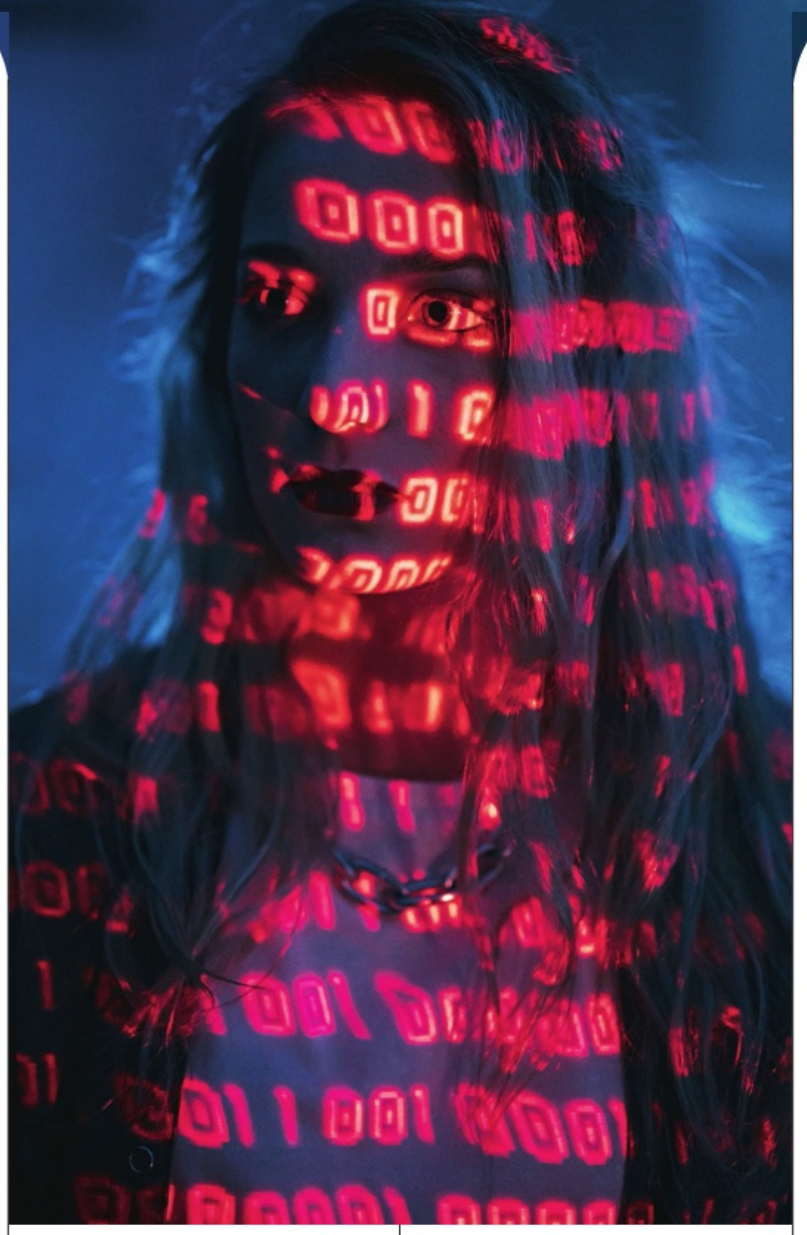
Because of the pandemic, 2020 was the year of digital acceleration, with work happening remotely, remote education, remote shopping, online banking etc. We have also had new user groups like children, the elderly, people in the rural areas, and small shop owners join in the internet traffic. While digital is proliferating at a rapid pace, there is very little cyber and privacy awareness, which makes people vulnerable to cyber-crimes and online frauds. Deepa Seshadri, Partner, Deloitte India and Manishree Bhattacharya, Manager, Deloitte India, take us through how to stay away from the threats and be safe in the volatile world of the internet.

Overall, cyber-crime cases have increased by 11.8% in 2020. Cyber-crime cases against women have increased by 24%, and cases against children have increased by 261%, according to Crime in India – Statistics Volume II by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

These are a wide range of crimes from bank frauds, identity theft, blackmailing, fake news, harassment, exploitation, violation of privacy, morphing etc. It really makes it important that cyber and privacy awareness become accessible to everyone, and such education on basic hygiene should start from home, and who better than our mothers to educate and reinforce such good practices.

This is how women especially mothers can ensure they and her family are safe from cyber threats and why mothers should take an interest in the same:

- We believe that cyber literacy should start from home and who best to inculcate good cyber hygiene and behaviour than our mothers. After all, mothers have traditionally been the first teachers.
- Mothers have this inherent ability to be extra vigilant when it comes to their children, and proper awareness and education of mothers can truly help is creating cyber safe homes
- Also, drawing a correlation from cyber businesses, its image as a male-dominated profession needs to change. Gender diversity leads to the diversity of thoughts, and perspectives, which are important in order to understand the evolving cyber threat landscape to manage threats effectively. Women are well poised to do so given the innate ability to be cautious, problem solvers, and crisis managers. All we need is to equip them with the right cyber and privacy knowledge.



Impact Of Cyber-Crimes On Mental Health

According to Crime in India – Statistics Volume II by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 10,405 cyber-crimes against women were reported in 2020. From cyber blackmailing, cyberstalking, defamation, morphing, women are subjected to several online crimes and frauds. Similarly, when it comes to children, about 1,102 cases were recorded in 2020.

There is an element of social and psychological impact on the individual facing cyberbullying, stalking, harassment etc. As a mother, it becomes all the more important to take note of changing behaviours in children, if they suddenly become poor in academics, become recluses, avoid going out, meeting friends, or even being online, and showing sudden violent behaviours. It is important to keep the communication channel open with children, and if such a case is identified, mental rehabilitation of affected kids is as important as registering a complaint.

Appropriate Online Behaviour - Sensitivity Towards Gender, Mental Health, And Diversity
Another important aspect is diversity sensitisation at home that can truly help children and others offer their best behaviour online while dealing with people who have alternate thinking. Important to inculcate the behaviour of mutual respect and a healthy way to 'agree to disagree.

How To Protect The Family?

Secure

- Securing the devices (passwords, anti-virus, anti-spyware)
- Keeping software updated
- Using authentic sites to download software
- Not using public wifi
- Encouraging using strong passwords, and multi-factor authentication
- Managing browser settings to provide optimal security
- Disabling Bluetooth, location etc. when not in use
- Giving minimal permissions to apps
- Reviewing privacy settings on social media
- Keeping phones locked when not in use

Vigilant

- Not falling for phishing click baits (message/email from unknown sender, prizes, bonus etc.)
- Not responding to friend requests from unknown senders on social media
- Being careful about the personal details being shared online (limit as much as possible)
- Not sharing any bank details, mobile numbers, etc. – banks and other authentic institutions never ask for such details.
- Staying vigilant about any suspicious bank activities – knowing how to block ATM cards/credit cards in case of any suspected frauds
- Being careful about using any and every eCommerce site – choose COD and avoid paying online if not sure.
- Being careful and managing appearances on video calls

Resilient

- If bank fraud is suspected, contact the bank's local branch or relationship manager immediately. Block ATM card/credit cards
- Filing an FIR
- Filing a cyber complaint - National Cyber-crime reporting portal https://cybercrime.gov.in/
- National Commission for Women (NCW) – registering complaints through emails ncw@nic.in complaintcell-ncw@nic.in
- Talk to family and friends and don't hesitate to ask for support
- Supporting

For Cyber Bullying or Harassment:

1. Assuring the kid about their safety
2. Listening to them carefully, without judging
3. Enhancing privacy settings on social media apps
4. If the bully is from the school, raising the issue with the school authority
5. If there are threats to life, raising a police complaint
6. Also, capturing all the necessary evidence that can support the complaint
7. Creating a supportive environment at home
8. Helping the child to mentally heal through counselling and other means

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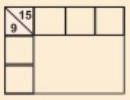

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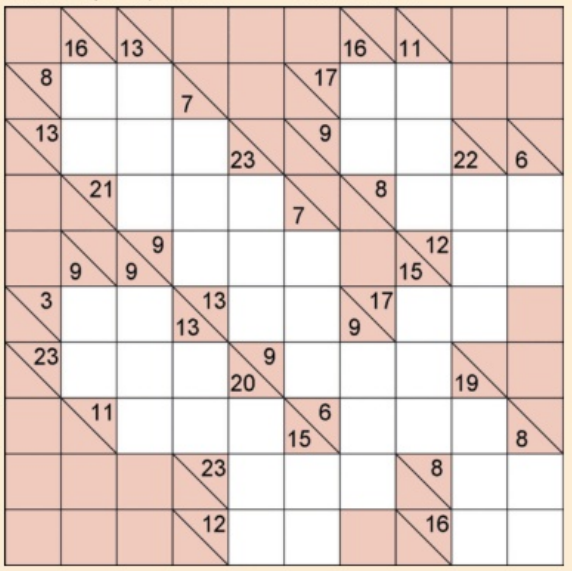

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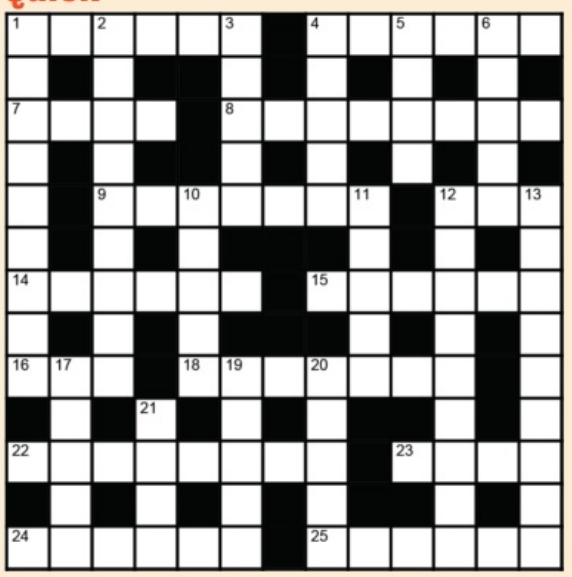

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4 Unassuming by nature (6)
7 Tall, stately trees (4)
8 Revokes, abrogates or cancels (8)
9 Good-bye (7)
12 U-turn from NNW (3)
14 Flight of steps (6)
15 Ordinary (6)
16 Creeper (3)
18 More fortunate (7)
22 Unequivocal or unambiguous (8)
23 Ex-Soviet news agency (4)
24 Inequitable (6)
25 Bull -___ : obstinate? (6)

DOWN

1 Ms. Sheshadri of Bollywood (9)
2 Government by the people (9)
3 Radiohead's Thom ___ (5)
4 2010 & 2011 Ballon d'Or winner (5)
5 Leak from tap (4)
6 Take ___ : be partial? (5)
10 Join or enlist (5)
11 Old Greek coins (5)
12 The place for Afghani food at Infantry Road (9)
13 Praised highly (9)
17 Mate of a fox (5)
19 Open sore (5)
20 Desert region of Gujarat (5)
21 Russian river (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS G

HQGBX GB JWDQ GC RYQ WBJP RAIBCMQBSQBR QFUQAGQB-MQ.

Linemaro

You are like a dictionary. You add meaning to my life

Mindchow

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase

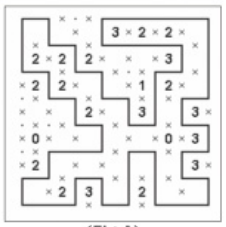
Joke of the day

When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion

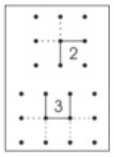
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



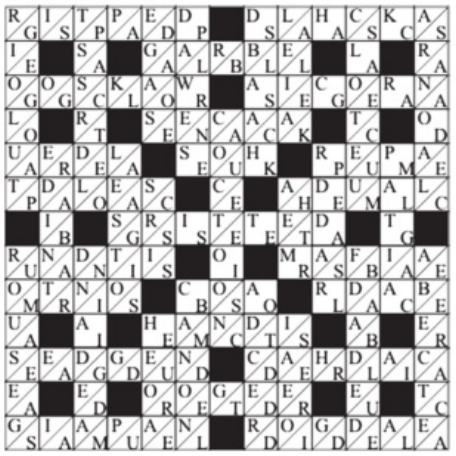
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

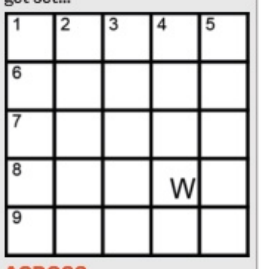
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

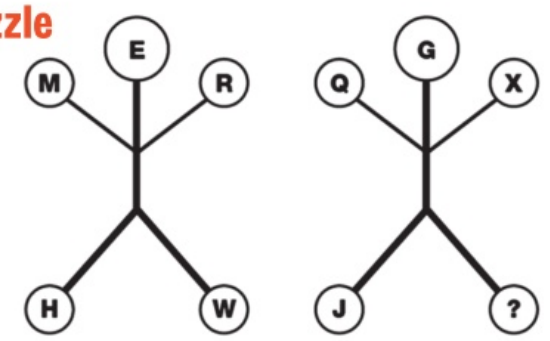
1 Ok Cry; 6 In Zee (1-4); 7 Eg sad; 8 Nu Awe; 9 Saber

DOWN

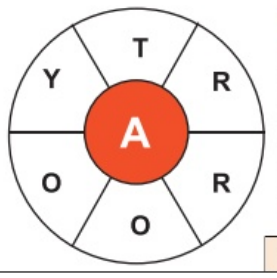
1 Bud re; 2 A Zone; 3 I crag; 4 Waken; 5 Essey

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

				2		4		3
3			6			8		
		2	1					7
9	7			6				
	3	8		4		7	9	
				9			3	6
8					7	6		
		7			3			2
2		9		1				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

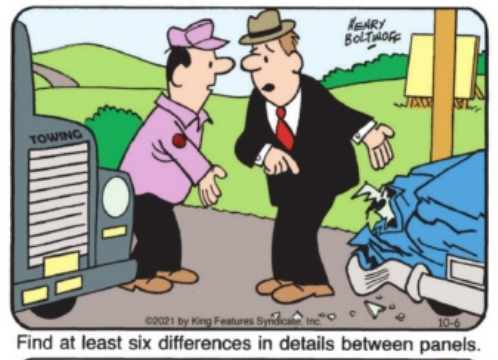
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 23
2 5 7 9

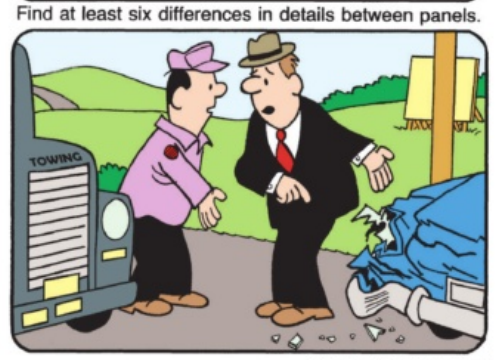
Medium = 10
4 5 7 9

Hard = 9
2 4 5 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



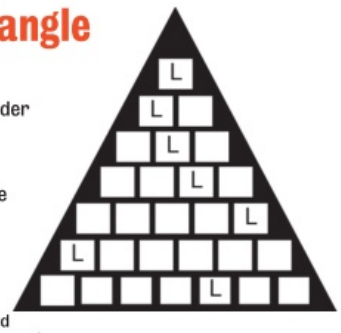
Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Patch on sleeve is higher. 4. Nose is smaller. 5. Bush is smaller. 6. Truck tire is moved.

Riddler

What does this rebus represent?
1. Bob drowned Frosted Flakes
2. Joe buried Cap'n Crunch
3. Sarah threw Rice Krispies off a cliff
4. Emily shot Cocoa Puffs

Alpha triangle

1 Litre
2 French article
3 Wife or house leader
4 An auction
5 Studio prop
6 Hires, rents
7 Childhood disease



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

I'M AFRAID WE'RE LOST, CHIEF.
NONSENSE!
I'M TOLD WE HAVE THE BEST SCOUT IN THE WHOLE TRIBE WITH US!... LET'S SEE WHAT HE SAYS !
9-23
I'M AFRAID WE'RE LOST, CHIEF !!
Yates/Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

I TRIED THAT NEW PLACE FOR DINNER LAST NIGHT!
IT'S CALLED THE THROAT CULTURE CAFE!
WHAT DID YOU HAVE?
A NEW YORK STREP STEAK!
www.creators.com

Hart of the city

DEAN, WE DON'T HAVE TO SPEND EVERY MOMENT TOGETHER TO BE FRIENDS. IF I THOUGHT YOU WERE BEING A BAD FRIEND, I WOULD TELL YOU.
YOU'RE SO RIGHT. THIS IS MY MOM'S FAULT FOR MAKING ME THINK I WAS DOING SOMETHING WRONG.
YOU KNOW GROWN-UPS. NOT THE CLEAREST THINKERS.
WE CAN PROBABLY EAT THE REST OF THESE MARSHMALLOWS STRAIGHT FROM THE BAG, RIGHT?
OH, FOR SURE.

Crankshaft

'Gradually we began to lose people in the newsroom along with other means of attrition.
CRACK!
'As time went on...
'We learned to do more with less.'
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. Your destiny is with you. Postponed projects are likely to get resumed now. You may have elders' blessings, which may help you to come out from a messy situation and boost the speed of your work. Domestic harmony may make you happy after resolving some disputes between family members.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel dull. Overworking may make you tired mentally. You may try to ignore your responsibilities. Lack of patience may make you arrogant. It may affect your professional and personal life also. You may have some arguments with your spouse. You are advised to tackle the situation patiently, otherwise, it may affect your respect in society.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Your destiny may be with you. Time is favourable today. You may have ample opportunities. You may develop new contacts. Your wisdom may help you to implement new creative plans in your work. Your dignity may do well. There may be some plans in your mind to spend money on renovation, to rebuild your house or office. Your investments in fixed assets may pay you in terms of profits.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may dedicate your time to something creative. You may plan to rebuild your house or workplace. Your creativity and knowledge may help you to implement your plan. You may interact with new persons at your workplace in terms of a new contract. Jobseekers may get a new job. Students are advised to avoid speculation in their studies.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel dull and may feel some negative vibrations around you. Your focus may not be good and you may not do well at work, which may lead to confusion. Investments related to business or buying new assets are advised to be postponed. You are advised to postpone starting a new business for a while.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are advised to avoid being in a hurry. Drive safe. The blessing of the stars may help you deal with problems. You may be more romantic in your personal life and boost harmony in domestic life. You may expect some positive results in partnerships. Love birds may plan to get married soon. Good news awaits students.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be courageous and may feel energetic, which may show in your way of working. You may have a good focus on your goals. You may likely have some short-term travel plans that may boost your network. You advised avoiding being harsh while conversing with your spouse, or you may create a lack of harmony in your domestic life.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may spend money on your family. It may affect your finan- cial health. You are advised to avoid spending money on worthless things. You are advised to read documents twice before signing them. It is advised to control your straightforwardness to maintain harmony in your domestic and professional life.

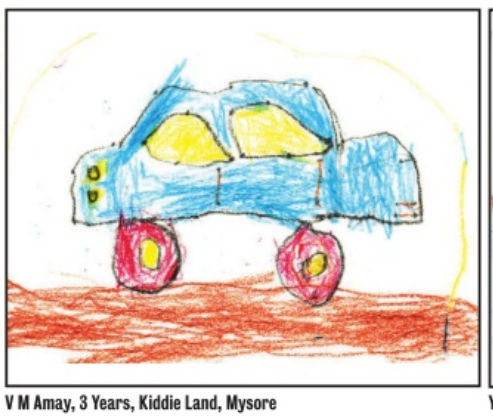
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is a good day in terms of gains. You may get results with less effort. Your losses may convert into profits with the help of your wisdom. You may plan to upgrade your qualification by doing an academic course. You may donate some amount to religious places or charities. You may also help needy people. Some investment into an intellectual asset may be possible.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel dull. You may have some health-related issues. Chronic diseases may reappear. You are advised to avoid rash driving and hurrying. You advised to avoid conflicts with the business partner, so avoid making important decisions in terms of business. Postpone investments in the business.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be blessed by your destiny; postponed projects may begin now. With the help of elders' blessings, a messy situation will now be under control, which may speed up your project. Disputes between family members may get resolved, which may boost domestic harmony. Your creativity may be improved. You will take an interest in artefacts. You may be attracted by glamour.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is a good day. You are enthusiastic today. With the help of good focus, you may perform well in business and at work. Your boss may be supportive; you may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. You may visit a religious place. Avoid arrogance in your love life.

KIDZONE



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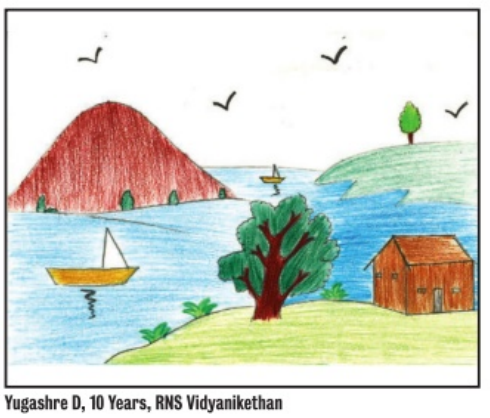

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
40+21=61
61+12=73
73+21=94
85+12=97

RIDDLER
Serial Killers (Cereal Killers)

QUOTE UNCODE
Being in love is the only transcendent experience.

FAST FIVE

B	A	R	E	S
U	N	A	W	E
D	E	G	A	S
E	Z	I	N	E
R	O	C	K	Y

BULL'S EYE
orator, ORATORY, roar, rotary, tarry, tray

STRIKE OUT

S	A	M	P	A	N	R	I	D	D	L	E			
E		E	R	O	G	E	R		E	T				
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QUICK

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3	4	1	6	7	9	8	2	5						
7	9	6	8	2	5	4	1	3						

MENSA PUZZLE
E. In each stick-man diagram, start on the left foot and move limbs in a clockwise direction. The letters advance through the alphabet in steps given by the numerical value of the letter on the head of the diagram.

SUDOKU

2	5	9	4	1	6	3	7	8
4	6	1	3	8	9	5	2	7
8	1	3	2	5	7	6	4	9
1	2	4	7	9	8	5	3	6
6	3	8	5	4	2	7	9	1
9	7	5	3	6	1	2	8	4
5	8	2	1	6	7	9	4	3
3	4	1	6	7	9	8	2	5
7	9	6	8	2	5	4	1	3

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 2 + 7 + 9 = 23
Hard
5 x 3 – 2 – 4 = 9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, Le, Ale, Sale, Easel, Leases, Measles.

LOOP
Medium
7 + 4 – 9 x 5 = 10

KAKURO

9	7	5		9	8	6	9	7
7	1	3	9	2	8	1	4	6
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ED summons Jacqueline yet again
Actress Jacqueline Fernandez has been summoned by the Enforcement Directorate yet again in the Rs. 200 crore extortion case. She has been asked to appear before the investigators in Delhi on December 8.

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Appu's majestic dream is for reel

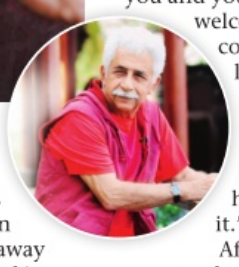
In 1973, 'Gandhada Gudi' the first Indian film on forest conservation ever, was released. Starring the legendary Dr. Raj Kumar, the film inspired generations to care for forests and to safeguard them. It was one of the earliest examples of the power of cinema to inspire people to make change.

Now, nearly after five decades, it is time for us to remember the legacy and to celebrate our 'Gandhada Gudi', our sacred temple. In a dream project envisioned by Puneeth Rajkumar with Amoghavarsha, the documentary features Puneeth and Amoghavarsha exploring the wildlife and nature. While the rich visual imagery and storytelling of the film is first of its kind, the audience will get a chance to see Puneeth Rajkumar just as himself, a son of the soil.

The film creates a new category of cinema that is best enjoyed on the big screen. PRK Productions and Mudskipper have left no stone unturned in using the latest in technology along with the best talent from across the world. The music by Ajaneesh Loknath uses a unique multi genre treatment and songs that stir up emotions. Appu's dream, an incredible story, a celebration of our land and it's a legend. It's time for the return - "Gandhada Gudi" in a full length feature format. Gandhada Gudi is currently in post-production phase and is slated to be a much awaited release of 2022.

—Mahesha H

'Irrfan knew death was approaching for 2 years'



Veteran actor Naseeruddin Shah has shared one of his conversations with Irrfan Khan, before he passed away in April 2020. While speaking to a news portal, Naseeruddin Shah stated that Irrfan knew about his demise since two years and that he was 'observing death approaching him'.

While speaking about Irrfan Khan's untimely demise, Naseeruddin Shah told the portal, "That was a unique thing because Irrfan knew for about two years that it was going to happen. I spoke to him several times over the phone even when he was in the hospital in London. It was amazing and it was a real lesson how he dealt with it. He would say: 'I am observing death approaching me and how many people get that opportunity? To be able to see this grim reaper coming towards you and you are almost welcoming him. Of course, it was a terrible loss. But it was not in our hands. It was just your bodily machinery shutting down. You don't have any control over it."

After battling neuroendocrine cancer for two years, the 56-year-old actor breathed his last on April 29, 2020.

—ETimes

WOMEN IN LOVE

Listen up, we've put together some relationship tips from bride-to-be Kat. Just for the record...

Lovebirds Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal's wedding is now only a day away and preparations are currently in full swing at the palatial venue in Rajasthan. Fans can't wait to finally see them married and all eyes and camera lenses will now be trained on the couple to catch a glimpse of the loved-up couple who never really admitted to being in a relationship. Talking about love, the bride-to-be Katrina has had some opinions when it comes to relationships and can easily double up as a love guru. Let's check out the times when she offered some serious advice on the matters of the heart...

Break before you rebuild

During an interaction with Mumbai Mirror, Katrina had opened up about her break up with Ranbir Kapoor. She had said, "I had to break before I could proceed to rebuild myself. I had to unravel and feel everything that had happened; I had to take full responsibility for my part in the equation, what I could and should have done better. And accept that the parts that I was not responsible for were not my problem"

Don't lose yourself for anyone

Katrina once said that being in a relationship should not change a person. Rather a person should be focused on their wants and stay focused on doing great work. "You don't have to lose yourself just because you've found someone," she'd stated.

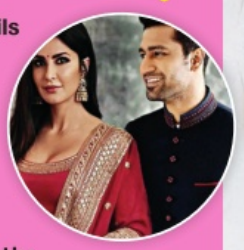
Maintain individuality

While people tend to lose individuality in relationships, Katrina believes, "The most important thing, I think, I believe now is that you have to maintain your sense of individuality and you have to still have your sense of who you are."

Know your worth

The actress once shared that women should have a sense of self-worth that should not come from her man but from within. In an interview, she said, "If your man leaves you for another woman, it doesn't necessarily mean that it's your fault. If it doesn't happen, perhaps, it's never meant to be".

FROM K'TAKA, WITH LOVE



Among the many details of the wedding that have leaked online, is one that states Vicky Kaushal and his bride will serve their guests to some mouthwatering food selections.
A report says that for the preparations, a "truckload" of fresh produce was brought in from Karnataka.
A report in bollywoodlife.com claims that 100 confectioners arrived at the Six Senses Resort on Sunday, to prep up for the big wedding. These confectioners will stay in Dharamshala that has especially been booked for them.
As Vicky and his hardcore Punjabi family loves a good meal, it has been reported that a Punjabi platter with everything from chole bhature to butter chicken will be served up to the guests apart from some other exotic dishes.
Other details that have leaked from the wedding claim that the groom will ride in on a seven horse-drawn chariot and will wed Kat under a swanky glass mandap that has been constructed at the wedding venue. The wedding festivities commence tomorrow with a sangeet and will continue for three days with a mehendi, nuptials and an after-party.

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